

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend Joseph E. Vamos

ROLLCALL: All other members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

- 1) Presentation of plaque given by Chief Petruch to Rev. Joseph E. Vamos on his retirement as Chaplain of the Police department.
- 2) Large gathering permit for: St. Sava Church Serb Festival
Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mrs. Barron seconded. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval July 22, 2014. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2014. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing seconded. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Renewal for liability insurance is approaching, in this year's renewal will decrease by \$25,000.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works has completed branch pickup, but Waste Management will still be picking them up. The towns paving is still in progress.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Mr. Pettit brought up an issue with a Broad field home that burned down and the owner did not appear at a hearing regarding it. Mr. Pettit asked Mr. Spann's committee to examine the town's ordinance regarding abandon unsafe buildings. Mr. Pettit believes that the owners of those homes and/or buildings that aren't Merrillville residents are not appearing because it isn't affecting their home towns/cities and the owners need be held in contempt. Mr. Pettit suggested that Mr. Deppe draft a new ordinance and present it to Mr. Spann's committee.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Merrillville Parks Department's trip to New York City is sold out.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Goralczyk provided an update regarding Stormwater: Stormwater met with Metropolitan Pumps regarding Stormwater's lift station at 53rd Court, they will provide a quote. Merrillville Stormwater hosted its monthly Northwest Indiana Storm Advisory group, twenty Stormwater directors were present. Beaver dam was removed from Turkey Creek lateral six. Stormwater has been working with the Merrillville Surveyor's office to get the blockage removed. Gary Sanitary was held in violation of the Stormwater ordinance and are being asked to come up with a corrective action plan for their infrastructure and infiltration and inflow plan. Mr. Lake invited the Town Council members to attend a special presentation on Thursday August 14th at 6pm at the Stormwater Resource Center, where Karen Olson from Christopher Burke Engineering will present the full version town's Stormwater Plan; the plan contains proposed future Stormwater projects. They will have a meeting with INDOT tentatively next week regarding potential placement of a guard rail from 73rd to 75th and Taft.

Mr. Goralczyk stated that he will be presenting information regarding the easement of Calumet Park Cemetery.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS: National Night out is August 9, 2014 from 6pm-9pm. The Farmers Market is July 27th, August 9th and 13th in the Merrillville Town Hall parking lot.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: R.D.C meeting is announced to be sometime before the next Town Council Meeting.

UTILITY LIAISON: Cap Program.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES: No Report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES-HARDAWAY: Mr. Hardaway thanked everyone that submitted a list of abandoned properties.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 14-24: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Goralczyk seconded. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 14-22: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Police Donation Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mrs. Barron seconded. No public comment. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 14-24: A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana authorizing the repayment of a temporary loan. (Retroactive to 6/27/14) Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway seconded. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

Res 14-25: A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana authorizing a temporary loan to fulfill monetary requirements. (Retroactive to 6/27/14) Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Spann seconded. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

Res 14-29: A resolution determining and certifying to the department of local finance the adjustment to the 2015 levy for the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway seconded. The motion was approved by 6/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on cassette tape and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Abandoned Properties Meeting, July 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, July 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Police Commission Public meeting, August 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
Stormwater Management Board meeting, Aug. 5, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
Town park property auction, August 6, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Plan Commission workshop, August 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Council meeting, August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Miano- President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer